GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

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PROCUREMENT OF GORSHKOV
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have taken a final decision to procure Gorshkov a Russian Warship;

(b) if so, the total cost of the warship;

(c) the time by which it is likely to be brought to India and the extent to which it would be able to meet the requirement of the Indian Navy; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (d): An Inter-Governmental Agreement (IGA) was signed on 4th October, 2000 with the Government of the Russian Federation which, inter-alia, provides for the acquisition of `Admiral Gorshkov`, an aircraft carrier, from Russia and its refit and modernization. The Russian Side had furnished a Detailed Project Document (DPD), which, inter-alia, defines the package for refit and modernization of the ship. Technical discussions on the package are, presently, being held between the experts of the two Sides. An investment decision on the acquisition of `Admiral Gorshkov` has not yet been taken.